

## 36718 to 36810—Continued.

36800. *NITRARIA SCHOBERI* L.

"(No. 1987a. Near Tientsin, China. July 16, 1913.) A densely branching hardy shrub of spreading habits. Has small bluish green leaves and bears small berries, which change from light green through red into a violet black. Found growing on strongly alkaline flats. Of value possibly as a soil and sand reclaimer for alkali regions. Collected and presented by Mrs. Mary Clemens, wife of the Rev. Joseph Clemens, chaplain to the 15th Regiment, United States Infantry, at Tientsin, China. Received on October 19, 1913."

36801. *CRATAEGUS PINNATIFIDA* Bunge.

Hawthorn.

"(No. 1988a. Peking, China. October 8, 1913.) A large-fruited variety of Chinese edible haw; for selection and for stocks. See previous introduction, No. 1841a (S. P. I. No. 35641)."

36802. *PYRUS* sp.

Pear.

"(No. 1989a. Peking, China. October 8, 1913.) A very small pear of russet color, with a long peduncle. Becomes quite soft and mushy after having been kept in a room for a couple of weeks; quite different from the small variety of *Pyrus sinensis*, which remains hard and shriveled up. Obtained at a fruit stand in Peking; probably collected from wild trees."

36803. *MALUS* sp.

Crab apple.

"(No. 1990a. Peking, China. October 8, 1913.) A Chinese crab apple, the size of a large cherry, of dark-purple color; of fine flavor when made into a compote. Apparently very hardy and of value for the semiarid sections of the United States when grafted on the Siberian *Malus baccata*, which is very drought resistant. Chinese name *Ghae tang kuo*."

36804. *PRUNUS SALICINA* Lindl.

Plum.

"(No. 1991a. Kalgan, China. September 8, 1913.) A variety of plum of wine-red color and said to be as large as an apple, coming from Yu tchan, western Chihli Province, China. Obtained from its collector, Mr. Rusted, of the British American Tobacco Co., at Kalgan. Of value possibly for the cooler sections of the United States."

36805. *AMYGDALUS PERSICA* L.

Peach.

(*Prunus persica* Stokes.)

"(No. 1992a. Peking, China. October 15, 1913.) A peculiar pointed variety of winter peach of white color. Flesh hard, but sweet; skin covered with a dense, felty down, which can be scraped off and looks like short wool."

36806. *AMYGDALUS PERSICA* L.

Peach.

(*Prunus persica* Stokes.)

"(No. 1993a. Kalgan, China. September 8, 1913.) A very large variety of clingstone peach, coming late in the season; of good quality, though not very sweet. Probably imported from Shantung Province."

36807. *AMYGDALUS DAVIDIANA* (Carr.) B. S. and Z.

Wild peach.

(*Prunus davidiana* Franch.)

"(No. 1994a. Peking, China. October 23, 1913.) A variety of the *davidiana* peach, of fastigate growth, trees becoming 50 to 60 feet high. Of value as an appropriate tree for cemeteries and other places where some dignity of outline is required. Suitable especially for the drier sections of the United States. As pyramidal trees in general do not come true from seed, only a small percentage of the trees from these seeds may be expected to be of a correct columnar shape, while the bigger part will be all sorts of intermediate types."